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## Barbara Sherk '02 and Lillie Wiley-Upshaw to receive Minority Bar Association awards



Barbara A. Sherk '02, a member of UB Law School's teaching faculty and director of academic support, and Lillie V. Wiley-Upshaw, vice dean for admissions and financial aid at UB Law, are among those who are slated to receive awards at the Minority Bar Association of Western New York's 28th Annual Awards and Scholarship Dinner. The event is to be held Thursday, Sept. 16, at the Buffalo-Niagara Convention Center, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

The association will be celebrating its 40-year anniversary. The annual dinner serves as a platform for attorneys and others of diverse ethnic backgrounds to applaud the outstanding accomplishments of individuals who have distinguished themselves through community leadership and service. In addition, the association spotlights future leaders of the legal community by awarding scholarships to outstanding law school students.

Sherk is being honored for her success in implementing and teaching a bar examination preparatory course that has resulted in remarkably high bar passage rates; and for her work assisting minority students with mentoring and professional guidance.



Wiley-Upshaw is being honored for her work with MBAWNY's Recruitment and Retention Task Force, which strengthens ties between the Law School and minority attorneys and focuses on pipeline initiatives to increase the number of minorities in the legal profession; and for her commitments to diversity as the Law School embraces change and success.

Two J.D. candidates at UB Law School, Erica C. Smith '12 and Duwayne T. Bascoe '12, will receive scholarship awards.

Others being honored at the dinner include Susan C. Roney, office managing partner, Nixon Peabody (Buffalo office); Mark G. Pearce '78, National Labor Relations Board member; Eric Walker of PUSH Buffalo; David Stapleton of David Homes; Jessica M. Lazarin; and Sartoria Donovan, executive director of Urban Professionals of Western New York.

For ticket or sponsorship information please contact Christopher Hayes, 2010 vice president and dinner chair, by calling (716) 504-5725, or e-mailing him at [chayes@phillipslytle.com](mailto:chayes@phillipslytle.com).

## Nancy Babb wins Chancellor's Award



Nancy Babb, a cataloger and manager of the Law Library's Web presence, is among the seven faculty members, two librarians and five staff members who received 2010 SUNY Chancellor's Awards for Excellence.

The Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Librarianship recognizes "skill in librarianship; service to the campus, the university and to the field; scholarship and professional growth, and major professional achievements." Recipients are Nancy Babb, associate librarian, Charles Sears Law Library, and John M. Bewley,

associate librarian and archivist, Music Library.

Babb joined the Charles Sears Law Library in 2002. She is both a cataloger and manager of the Law Library's Web presence; her research and scholarly activities have incorporated both these arenas, exploring the evolution of traditional practices within the context of technological development and initiatives. The theory of authorship and practice of bibliography are one primary area of exploration; she has published on spirit authorship, with her current research focusing on animal and fictional authorship.

Babb has been an active participant in many committees and projects in the Law Library, the University Libraries and the university communities. She has been a guest lecturer for UB's Discovery

Seminar Program and is an ongoing contributor to the *UB Reporter's* "Electronic Highways" column.

A member of both the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL) and the Association of Law Libraries of Upstate New York (ALLUNY), she serves as vice president/president elect of ALLUNY, as well as its webmaster and education chair. She also has been editor of the ALLUNY newsletter and chair of the National Council of Newsletter Editors, as well as webmaster for several national committees.

Babb earned a bachelor's degree in humanities from Buffalo State College and a master's degree in library science from UB. She volunteers with several local animal rescue organizations.